

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
Washington

GLOVES AND MITTENS COMMITTEE UNANIMOUS IN RECOMMENDING
40 CENTS MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE RATE

The Gloves and Mittens Committee under the Fair Labor Standards Act has recommended unanimously that a 40 cents an hour minimum be established in this industry in which approximately 38,000 workers are employed. The committee filed its recommendation today with Thomas W. Holland, Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

It is estimated that 16,000 workers will be given direct wage increases if the recommended 40 cents minimum hourly rate is approved by the Administrator. Since July 15, 1940, the manufacture of gloves and mittens, other than work gloves and mittens, has been at a minimum of 35 cents an hour; when that rate was set, it was estimated that 7,000 workers received direct pay increases. Since the same date, the manufacture of work gloves and mittens has had a minimum hourly rate of 32½ cents; when it was established, it is estimated that approximately 5,000 employees received wage benefits. A public hearing on the committee's recommendation will be held on a date to be announced.

The committee, of which John P. Troxell, Professor of Industrial Relations, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., was chairman, further recommended to the Administrator that a hearing be held as to the need for learners at subminimum rates in the industry and the regulation of home work in order to maintain the integrity of the minimum.

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